

MINUTES  
KNOXVILLE TREE BOARD  
DECEMBER 5, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Tom Welborn at 8:35 a.m. Other board members present were Jenny Arthur, Nick St. Sauveur, Craig Walker, and Nick Bridgeman.

Ex officio members present were Kasey Krouse, Urban Forestry; Ryan Thompson, UT Ag Extension; and David McGinley, Stormwater Engineering.

Visiting today was Tracie Hellwinckel, Project Manager for Trees Knoxville; and Mason with Tick Tock Tree Service.

**Action Items for December**

- Approve November minutes.

**City Update** by Kasey Krouse

- Kasey will be checking on the progress of the Blount Avenue project soon.
- Had onsite planting training with Patriot Lawn on Tuesday. Planting will begin soon, and should be completed sometime in January.
- Central Avenue is in middle of their tree planting. About 50 trees have been planted so far. A couple of Black Gum trees will have to be moved.
- Magnolia Avenue project has half of the second phase completed.
- Kasey has begun pulling trees from the Missouri Gravel Bed. The trees pulled have good root stock.
- Kasey is currently working on a comprehensive invasive species management plan for the urban wilderness. This work is currently being done in several parks.
- Cables have been installed around the split Elm tree in Sequoyah Park.
- City Council voted to allow Blount Mansion to remove two large Elm trees from their property next to the mansion. They will replace the trees with several approved varieties.

**Trees Knoxville Report** by Tom Welborn

- 11-7-19 North Hills Arboretum dedication with about 40 people attending including Mayor and Mayor elect and several city employees. Received the level 1 certification from TUFC.
- 11-8-19 Arbor Day Celebration at Christenberry Elementary School. Tree Knoxville donated Japanese Maples for the tree planting. Has 22 students help plant the tree.
- 11-11-19 Delivered trees for Enterprise Rental Foundation Event to the planting site in Ft Sanders.
- 11-12-19 Planted 12 trees along Forest Avenue and James Agee Park. 23 Volunteers including 16 from Enterprise Rental Cars.
- 11-13-19 Trees Knoxville Board meeting. Added 3 new board members and approved goals and budget for 2020.
- 11-15-19 Meeting with Knox County Stormwater staff to discuss partnering opportunities. Agreed to work on East Knox Elementary School. Looking at riparian restoration projects in the future.
- 11-18-19 Along with TUFC representatives did final inspection of Gresham Middle School to determine if they qualify for Level 1 certification.
- Trees Knoxville has been awarded a Corona Tool Grant to purchase \$1,000 worth of Corona tools.
- There will be a Level II Forestry graduate class beginning on January 8, 2020.
- 12-19-19 A tree walk is planned.
- There will be a native fruit and nut tree give away in the near future.
- TUFC committee reviewing the arboretum program and sitting in on the conference calls.

**Education Report & Arbor Day** by Craig Walker

- No report. Craig wants to talk about future events, and topics for future seminars at the next meeting.

**Ex-Officio & Other Reports**

- The nursery trip went well. It was very informative.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 a.m.